

safety or theft prevention standard was in effect.

(j)(1) The vehicle or equipment item does not conform with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety and bumper standards, but is being imported for a temporary period solely for the purpose of:

- (i) research;
- (ii) investigations;
- (iii) studies;
- (iv) demonstrations or training; or
- (v) competitive racing events;

(2)(i) The importer has received written permission from NHTSA; or

(ii) The importer is an original manufacturer of motor vehicles (or a wholly owned subsidiary thereof) that are certified to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards; and

(3) The importer will provide the Administrator with documentary proof of export or destruction not later than 30 days following the end of the period for which the vehicle has been admitted into the United States.

(k) The equipment item is subject to the theft prevention standard, and is marked in accordance with the requirements of part 541 of this chapter.

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#### **§ 591.6 Documents accompanying declarations.**

Declarations of eligibility for importation made pursuant to § 591.5 must be accompanied by the following certification and documents, where applicable.

(a) A declaration made pursuant to § 591.5(a) shall be accompanied by a statement substantiating that the vehicle was not manufactured for use on the public roads, or that the equipment item was not manufactured for use on a motor vehicle or is not an item of motor vehicle equipment.

(b) A declaration made pursuant to § 591.5(e) shall be accompanied by:

(1) (For a motor vehicle) a document meeting the requirements of § 568.4 of part 568 of this chapter.

(2) (For an item of motor vehicle equipment) a written statement issued

by the manufacturer of the equipment item which states the applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standard(s) with which the equipment item is not in compliance, and which describes the further manufacturing required for the equipment item to perform its intended function.

(c) A declaration made pursuant to paragraph § 591.5(f), and under a bond for the entry of a single vehicle, shall be accompanied by a bond in the form shown in Appendix A, in an amount equal to 150% of the dutiable value of the vehicle, or, if under bond for the entry of more than one vehicle, shall be accompanied by a bond in the form shown in Appendix B and by Customs Form CF 7501, for the conformance of the vehicle(s) with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety and bumper standards, or, if conformance is not achieved, for the delivery of such vehicle to the Secretary of the Treasury for export at no cost to the United States, or for its abandonment.

(d) A declaration made pursuant to § 591.5(f) by an importer who is not a Registered Importer shall be accompanied by a copy of the contract or other agreement that the importer has with a Registered Importer to bring the vehicle into conformance with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

(e) A declaration made pursuant to § 591.5(h) shall be accompanied by a copy of the importer's official orders, or, if a qualifying member of the personnel of a foreign government on assignment in the United States, the name of the embassy to which the importer is accredited.

(f) A declaration made pursuant to § 591.5(j) shall be accompanied by the following documentation:

(1) A declaration made pursuant to § 591.5(j)(2)(i) shall be accompanied by a letter from the Administrator authorizing importation pursuant to that section. (Any person seeking to import a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment pursuant to that section shall submit, in advance of such importation, a written request to the Administrator containing a full and complete statement identifying the vehicle or equipment item, its make, model, model year or date of manufacture,

VIN if a motor vehicle, and the specific purpose(s) of importation. The discussion of purpose(s) shall include a description of the use to be made of the vehicle or equipment item. With respect to any vehicle or equipment item imported pursuant to sections 591.5(j)(1) (i), (ii), or (iv), if use on the public roads is an integral part of the purpose for which the vehicle or equipment item is imported, the statement shall request permission for use on the public roads, describing the purpose which makes such use necessary, and stating the estimated period of time during which use of the vehicle or equipment item on the public roads is necessary. The request shall also state the intended means of final disposition (and disposition date) of the vehicle or equipment item after completion of the purpose for which it is imported. The request shall be addressed to Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance (NEF-32), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, room 6111, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.)

(2) A declaration made pursuant to § 591.5(j)(2)(i) and § 591.5(j)(1)(iii) shall be accompanied by a letter from the Administrator authorizing importation pursuant to those sections. In addition to the matters contained in paragraph (g)(1) of this section, the importer's written request shall explain why the vehicle or equipment item is of historical or technological interest, and describe the studies for which its importation is sought. The importer, if other than the National Museum of History and Technology, Smithsonian Institution, shall also provide a copy of the Determination Letter from the Internal Revenue Service approving the importer's status as a tax-exempt corporation or foundation, or private foundation, under section 501(c)(3) or section 509, respectively, of the Internal Revenue Code. The time between the date of the Letter and the date of the importer's written request to the Administrator shall be not less than 5 years. The importer shall also provide a statement that it shall not sell, or transfer possession or, or title to, the vehicle, or license it for use, or operate it on the public roads, until the vehicle is not less than 25 years old.

(3) A declaration made pursuant to § 591.5(j)(2)(ii) shall be accompanied by the written statement of its importer describing the use to be made of the vehicle or equipment item. If use on the public roads is an integral part of the purpose for which the vehicle or equipment item is imported, the statement shall describe the purpose which makes such use necessary, state the estimated period of time during which use of the vehicle or equipment item on the public roads is necessary, and state the intended means of final disposition (and disposition date) of the vehicle or equipment item after completion of the purpose for which it is imported.

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#### **§ 591.7 Restrictions on importations.**

(a) A vehicle or equipment item which has entered the United States under a declaration made pursuant to § 591.5(j), and for which a Temporary Importation Bond has been provided to the Secretary of the Treasury, shall not remain in the United States for a period that exceeds 3 years from its date of entry.

(b) If the importer of a vehicle or equipment item under § 591.5(j) does not intend to export or destroy the vehicle or equipment item not later than 3 years after the date of entry, and intends to pay duty to the U.S. Customs Service on such vehicle or equipment item, the importer shall request permission in writing from the Administrator for the vehicle or equipment item to remain in the United States for an additional period of time not to exceed 5 years from the date of entry. Such a request must be received not later than 60 days before the date that is 3 years after the date of entry. Such vehicle or equipment item shall not remain in the United States for a period that exceeds 5 years from the date of entry, unless further written permission has been obtained from the Administrator.

(c) An importer of a vehicle which has entered the United States under a declaration made pursuant to